

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HEATHER NEWTON,

No. C-11-3228 EMC

Plaintiff,

v.

AMERICAN DEBT SERVICES, INC., *et al.*,

Defendants.

**AMENDED ORDER GRANTING
WILLIAM R. MITCHELL'S MOTION
TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL FOR
DEFENDANT QUALITY SUPPORT
SERVICES, LLC**

(Docket No. 102)

This order memorializes the rulings made by the Court during the hearing on September 28, 2012.

1. Counsel's motion to withdraw as counsel for Quality Support Services, LLC ("QSS") is **GRANTED**. QSS has until **November 12, 2012**, to obtain new counsel *and* have that counsel make an appearance in this case. *See* Civ. L.R. 3-9(b) (providing that "[a] corporation, unincorporated association, partnership or other such entity may appear only through a member of the bar of this Court"). QSS is forewarned that, should it fail to obtain counsel, then Plaintiff may seek a default judgment against it. Counsel shall ensure that a copy of this order is immediately served on the appropriate QSS representative. A proof of service shall be promptly filed. **Counsel shall also have a continuing obligation to forward any papers received in conjunction with this litigation to the appropriate QSS representative.**

2. The Court shall not, as a matter, bifurcate discovery. However, it expects that discovery related solely to merits issues (as opposed to class certification issues) shall be deferred until after class certification proceedings have concluded.